

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“Incline your ear, and come
unto ME: hear, and your
soul shall live...”

ISAIAH 55:3

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Happy Birthday!

**Colin Jr Young - 9th, Isaiah Gibbs - 10th, Kailey Chance - 10th,
Isabelle Stephens - 13th, Sarah Stafford - 15th**

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR DON FORTNER

1 JOHN 5:1-13 - HOW CAN I KNOW I AM ONE OF GOD'S ELECT

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

QUICKEN US

"LET THY HAND BE UPON THE MAN OF THY RIGHT HAND, UPON THE SON OF MAN WHOM THOU MADEST STRONG FOR THYSELF. SO WILL NOT WE GO BACK FROM THEE: QUICKEN US, AND WE WILL CALL UPON THY NAME. TURN US AGAIN, O LORD GOD OF HOSTS, CAUSE THY FACE TO SHINE; AND WE SHALL BE SAVED." (PSALM 80:17-19)

LORD turn us, again. Turn us from trusting in anything we have done to save us, 'O LORD GOD of hosts, *cause thy face to shine*' in the face of your Son JESUS CHRIST, that we might see all the filth we are, and be saved looking to "*the man of thy right hand,*" the one whom thou made strong for thyself, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. (2 CORINTHIANS 4:6)

How strong has our HEAVENLY FATHER made our Lord? Beloved He has been given all power in heaven and in earth! The man of His right hand, the man who now sits on the very throne of GOD is GOD! He has all power in heaven and in earth to save His beloved people — And by Him beloved "*we shall be saved.*" (PSALM 80:19, MATTHEW 1:21, JOHN 17:1-3) Amen!

Friend, if you believe you got saved back in nineteen whatever, or in two thousand and whatever, and you think you got everything 'under

control' because you 'got saved' and don't *need* to pray according to Psalm 80. Well if that's your thinking, I have no gospel for you. The gospel is for those who *need* to be saved by CHRIST alone.

Who are those who need to be saved? Those who know that if they are to be saved, they must be saved by the LORD. GOD must turn me, GOD must cause His light to shine, to show me that all that I am is but loss. Blessed be the Lord, His beloved Son, by His blood and righteousness, His people are made whole, and they shall be saved!

The apostle Paul, a man greatly used of the LORD, do you remember what he said just before he went to glory? Did he describe himself as someone who wasn't a sinner? No! Just before he went to glory — he saw himself in the light of CHRIST as a *sinner* who needed a savior. He wrote *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; of whom I am chief."* (1 TIMOTHY 1:15)

HEAVENLY FATHER turn us again to your beloved SON, the one you sent into the world to save sinners. Cause HIS light to shine in our hearts, that we may behold your glory in HIS face. Everlastingly turn us to HIM, our LORD and GOD. FATHER I beg you *"So we will not go back from thee: QUICKEN US, and we will call upon thy name;"* and we shall be saved. Amen.

PASTOR

NOT AN OFFER

"EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, (BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED;)" (EPHESIANS 2:5)

Anytime a preacher presents the grace of GOD as an offer on GOD's part to anybody who is willing to receive it, he has not preached grace as the Bible does. The Bible *does not* say, *"But God, who is rich in mercy for His great love where with He loved us, even when we were dead in sins has offered us His grace"* [rather] it says GOD hath *"quicken'd us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved."* Grace is not *offered*: grace is *given*! And when grace is *given*, it always saves and is *always received*! We do not have a choice as to whether or not we will accept GOD's offer of grace. Grace saves! Grace is not something we use to aid in our salvation — **GRACE SAVES US!**

PASTOR **TODD NIBERT**

I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT

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It is not my remembering GOD—it is GOD’s remembering *me* that is the ground of my safety; it is not my laying hold of HIS covenant, but HIS covenant’s laying hold on me. Glory be to GOD! The ramparts of salvation are secured by divine power, and even the minor towers, which we could imagine being left to man, are guarded by almighty strength. Even the *remembrance* of the covenant is not left to our memories, for we might forget; but our LORD cannot forget the names of those whom HE has graven on the palms of HIS hands. It is with us as it was with Israel in Egypt; the blood was upon the lintel and the two side-posts, but the LORD did not say, “When you see the blood I will pass over you,” but “*When I see the blood I will pass over you.*” My looking to JESUS brings me joy and peace, but it is GOD’s looking to JESUS that secures my salvation and that of all HIS elect, since it is impossible for our GOD to look to CHRIST, our bleeding Surety, and then to be angry with us for sins already punished in HIM. It is not left with us even to be saved by remembering the covenant. **THERE IS NOT A SINGLE THREAD OF HUMAN EFFORT IN THIS FABRIC. It is not of man, neither by man, but of the LORD alone.** We *should* remember the covenant, and we *shall* do it, through divine grace; but the hinge of our safety does not hang there—it is GOD’s remembering *us*, not our remembering *Him*; and hence the covenant is *an everlasting covenant*.

PASTOR **CHARLES H. SPURGEON**

WHAT IS IT THAT IS BEST FORGOTTEN?

“FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE.” (PHILIPPIANS 3:13)

- 1) *Forgetting* my days of rebellions and unbelief is best for me, and everyone else! People sometimes want to erect “*monuments to the meanness.*” If we must recall the past, let it be with *shame*, not *levity*.
- 2) *Forgetting* my profession in false religion! And my attempts to produce a righteousness before GOD.
- 3) *Forgetting* even those good works and deeds done in the name of CHRIST. When Paul recalled his efforts in the ministry, he said, “*I am become a fool in glorying.*” (2 CORINTHIANS 12:11)
- 4) *Forgetting* all misunderstanding and careless divisions with my brothers and sisters. If GOD remembers my sins no more - I would be an ingrate [ungrateful of GOD’s grace] to remember yours!
- 5) *Forgetting* the past and reaching forth unto those things which are before! “*Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*” (LUKE 23:42) And we shall be satisfied when we awake with His likeness.

PASTOR **HENRY MAHAN**